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AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 19, line 12 with the following amended paragraph.

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The liquid retention-barrier structure 57 provides an absorbent structure for holding and storing absorbed liquids and other waste materials, such as the shown absorbent pad composed of selected hydrophilic fibers and high-absorbency particles. The liquid retention-barrier structure 57 may also be extendible or not extendible, although it should not interfere with the expanding of the cuff areas. The liquid retention-barrier structure 57 is positioned and sandwiched between the topsheet 32 and backsheet 30 to form the diaper 20. The liquid retention-barrier structure 57 has a construction that is generally compressible, conformable, non-irritating to the wearer's skin, and capable of absorbing and retaining body exudates. It will be understood that, for purposes of this invention, the liquid retention-barrier structure 57 30 is constructed to impart a barrier layer ability to aid in, or substantially take the place of, the outside layer liquid barrier abilities of the diaper in order to provide for a lighter backsheet in the overall construction of the garment.

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 24, line 4 with the following amended paragraph.

Step 3: Barrier Tissue 41 43 is wrapped around the fluff pad 43 forming a continuous web of absorbents 45.